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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is filed in response to a September 24, 2003 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 24, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due December 24, 2003. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (a)(3) for a threemonth extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is Four Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$475.00) and a check for that amount is enclosed herewith. As a result, the deadline for responding to the Final Office Action is March 24, 2004. A Notice of Appeal from the final rejection of claims 40-47 is being filed concurrently herewith with the appropriate fee. The Response and the Notice of Appeal are therefore being timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.